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For: POWDERS, FLAKES, OR PELLETS  
CONTAINING SALTS OF  $\alpha$ -SULFO FATTY  
ACID ALKYL ESTERS IN HIGH  
CONCENTRATIONS, PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCTION THEREOF, GRANULATED  
DETERGENTS, AND PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCTION THEREOF

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

MS Amendment  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith.

A summary/abstract translation of some of the non-English language references is enclosed. Furthermore, JP-A-5-331496, which is cited in the specification, corresponds to EP 0

572 957; JP-A-8-157894, JP-A-9-87700, JP-A-10-88197, and JP-A-11-172299 are all cited in the specification. Furthermore, JP-A-2001-64248 corresponds to U.S. Patent 6,657,071; and JP-B2-8-16237 corresponds to EP 0 384 480.

Applicant has not submitted copies of each cited U.S. patent and U.S. patent application as required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i), amended October 2004, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has waived this requirement for all U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign and non-patents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on form PTO/SB/08 is in the form of an English language copy of a Search Report from a foreign patent office, issued in a counterpart application, which refers to the relevant portions of the references.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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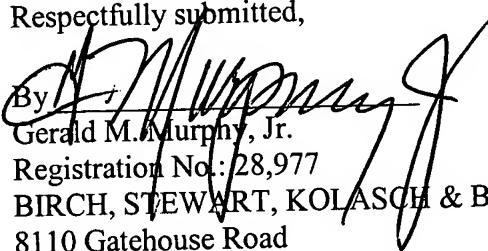
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